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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF ABU DHABI ORDER FOR RAPIER
SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM

REF: ABU DHABI 1609, LONDON 15690

1. BRITISH NEWSPAPERS DECEMBER 4 CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT OF
BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION THAT ABU DHABI HAS PLACED AN
ORDER WORTH ABOUT 35 MILLION POUNDS FOR THE RAPIER ULTRA
LOW-LEVEL AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. THE CONTRACT ALSO INVOLVES
A NUMBER OF BLIND-FIRE RADAR SYSTEMS. THE IRANIAN AND
OMANI GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALREADY PLACED ORDERS FOR SIMILAR
SYSTEMS THIS YEAR.

2. THIS LAST ORDER BRINGS BAC'S ORDER BOOK FOR ALL
KINDS OF AIRCRAFT, MISSILES AND SPACE CRAFT TO 842
MILLION POUNDS OF WHICH 622 MILLION IS FOR EXPORT. THE
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RAPIER SYSTEM IS ALREADY IN OPERATION WITH THE BRITISH

ARMY IN GERMANY, THE IRANIAN AIR FORCE, AND AN UNNAMED
AFRICAN COUNTRY.

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